

In the specification, please amend the paragraph appearing on page 10, lines 1-9, as follows:

Variations of the voltage measured between the first reference electrode and the anode are additionally indicative of an unstable anode process. With a soluble anode being used, this may be due to the consumption of the anode, to a change in the anode film or to a varying anode geometry. With an inert (insoluble) anode, such a change in the measured voltage may also be indicative of a failure of this anode (the active anode layer may for example peel off) or of poor redox species, e.g., Fe(II) and Fe(III) compounds, supply to the anode, for example in the event the method described in ~~DE 100 15 146 C1~~ DE 199 15 146 C1 is performed.